SENATE BILL 872

By Harper

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 105, Part 1, relative to blasting standards.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-105-104, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

() Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a county having a population in excess of two hundred thousand (200,000) by resolution, or a municipality having a population in excess of one hundred thousand (100,000) by ordinance, both according to the 2000 federal census or any subsequent federal census, from adopting local blasting standards which are more stringent than the requirements of this section and part and any rules and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto; provided that any violation of such ordinance or resolution is a civil penalty. The civil penalty shall be remedial in nature and shall not exceed five hundred dollars (\$500) plus applicable court costs.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.